

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

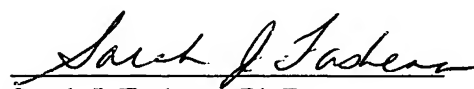
- Group I. Claims 11-15, 17-22 (in part), 30, 55-57, and 67-68, drawn to channel polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- Group II. Claims 16, 23-29, and 37-44, drawn to nucleic acids encoding channel polypeptides and a method of making the polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.
- Group III. Claims 31-36, drawn to antibodies directed to a channel polypeptide classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.

Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, without traverse, Claims 16, 23-29, and 37-44, which are drawn to nucleic acids encoding channel polypeptides and a method of making the polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

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